

Senate File 173 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to an exemption from jury service for persons
2 at least seventy-three years of age and making penalties
3 applicable.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 607A.5, Code 2017, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **607A.5 Automatic excuse from jury service.**

4 1. A person shall be excused from jury service if the
5 person submits written documentation verifying, to the court's
6 satisfaction, that the person is solely responsible for the
7 daily care of a person with a permanent disability living
8 in the person's household and that the performance of juror
9 service would cause substantial risk of injury to the health of
10 the person with a disability, or that the person is the mother
11 of a breastfed child and is responsible for the daily care of
12 the child. However, if the person is regularly employed at a
13 location other than the person's household, the person shall
14 not be excused under [this section subsection](#).

15 2. A person shall be excused from jury service if the person
16 is at least seventy-three years of age and notifies the court
17 that the person is at least seventy-three years of age and
18 wishes to be exempted from jury service.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill allows persons who are at least 73 years of age
23 to opt out of jury service. To opt out of jury service, the
24 person must notify the court that the person is at least 73
25 years of age and wishes to be exempted from jury service. Upon
26 doing so, the court is required to excuse the person from jury
27 service.

28 Pursuant to Code section 607A.7, a person who makes a false
29 claim in order to be relieved of jury service commits contempt.